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District of the Northern Mariana Islands

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	For The Northern Mariana Islands
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	(Deputy Clark)
Plaintiff,) NOTICE OF APP	PEAL
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-v-) D.C. DOCKET NUMBER: 04-	00038
Eric John Tudela Mafnas)	
and Chrley K. Patris ,) Alex R. Munson	
Defendant,) (District Court Judg	ge)
Notice is hereby given that Charley K. Patris United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from the:	appeals to the
Conviction only (Fed. R. Crim P. 32(b)	
Conviction and sentence	
Sentence only (18 U.S.C. Sec. 3742)	
Order (specify) Denying his double jeopardy moti	on.
entered on this action on January	
	(date)
Sentence imposed:	
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Bail status: Mafnas is currently in custody awaiting s	<u>entencing</u>
G. Anthony Long (Counsel for App	
Date: January 20, 2006 Address: P.O. Box 504970	
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Criminal No. 04-00038

Plaintiff

v. ORDER DENYING MOTION
ERIC JOHN TUDELA MAFNAS TO DISMISS INDICTMENT
and CHARLEY K. PATRIS, Defendants

Defendants

THIS MATTER came before the court on Friday, January 6, 2006, for hearing of defendant Mafnas' motion to dismiss the indictment. Defendant Patris joined in the motion. Plaintiff appeared by and through its attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy E. Moran; defendant Mafnas appeared personally and by and through his attorney, Howard Trapp; and, defendant Patris appeared personally and by and through his attorney, G. Anthony Long.

THE COURT, having considered the evidence presented and the oral arguments of counsel, denies defendants' motion to dismiss the indictment.

Defendants, both former police officers, are being detained on the island of Guarn pending sentencing after being found guilty of criminal charges by a jury.

They seek dismissal of the original indictment against them as a remedy for constitutional rights violations they have allegedly experienced while in detention.

Defendants were unable to supply to the court any authority whatsoever that a permissible post-conviction, pre-sentencing remedy for alleged constitutional violations is dismissal of the indictment against them. Because the court was given no authority, and could find no authority itself, the motion is denied. Additionally, defendants' characterization of their conditions of detention as "punishment" was not proved under any standard of proof. Whatever grievances they may have (and, again, none were proved today), this motion was not the proper avenue for the resolution of those grievances.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2006.

ALEX R. MUNSON

Judge